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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for building an extensible project system comprising:

providing a base <u>software development</u> project object comprising data for creating a <u>software development</u> project system, wherein the base project object implements a base project configuration object that includes configuration properties for the base project object, the configuration properties comprising at least one of an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, or an indication as to where the output file[[d]] will be placed;

providing at least one flavor object comprising data for modifying said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the at least one flavor object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties comprising at least one of a caption of a project node, an icon of a project node, a property allowing a project browse object to be completely overridden, a control allowing a project to be renamed, a sort priority control, a property allowing a command to be added, a property allowing a command to be removed, a property allowing a command to be disabled, a filter, a property allowing a default generator given a file extension to be determined, or a property allowing a human-readable generator name to be mapped to a COM object;

signaling by the base project object to the at least one flavor object that the base project configuration object needs to be extended;

creating a flavored project system adapted for said specific purpose by object aggregation using said base project object as a participating object and one of said at least one flavor objects as a controlling object; and

creating, by the at least one flavor object, a flavored base <u>software development</u> project configuration object, wherein at least one configuration property for the base project object is modified by a corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, where said at least one flavor object comprises at least a first flavor object and a second flavor object, and where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises:

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creating an intermediary object by aggregating said first flavor object as a controlling object and said base project object as a participating object; and

creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor object as a controlling object and said intermediary object as a participating object.

- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor object.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor object.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor object.
 - 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said flavored base project configuration object includes an extender interface, said creation of a project system further comprising:

providing an extender site object associated with said extender interface.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for building an extensible project system comprising:

a process configured to instantiate a base <u>software development</u> project object comprising data for creating a project system, wherein the base project object implements a base project configuration object that includes configuration properties for the base project object, the configuration properties comprising at least one of an indication of a build of the

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project system, an output file to be created, or an indication as to where the output file[[d]] will be placed;

a process configured to instantiate at least one flavor object comprising data for modifying said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the at least one flavor object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties;

a process in the base project object configured to signal the at least one flavor object that the base project configuration object needs to be extended;

a process configured to generate a flavored <u>software development</u> project system for said specific purpose by object aggregation using said base project object as a participating object and one of said at least one flavor objects as a controlling object; and

a process in the at least one flavor object configured to generate a flavored base software development project configuration object, wherein at least one configuration property for the base project object is modified by a corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, where said at least one flavor object comprises at least a first flavor object and a second flavor object, and where said aggregator further comprises:

a first aggregator for creating an intermediary object by aggregating said first flavor object as a controlling object and said base project object as a participating object; and

a second aggregator for creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor object as a controlling object and said intermediary object as a participating object.

- 10. (Original) The system of claim 8 where said aggregator causes at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor object.
- 11. (Original) The system of claim 10 where said aggregator causes a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor object.
- 12. (Original) The system of claim 8 where said aggregator causes at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor object.

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13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein said flavored base project configuration object includes an extender interface, said project system further comprising:

an extender site object associated with said extender interface.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium for building an extensible project system, said computer readable storage medium storing instructions for causing a computer to perform the steps of comprising:

providing a base software development project object comprising data for creating a project system, wherein the base project object implements a base software development project configuration object that includes configuration properties for the base project object, the configuration properties comprising at least one of an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, or an indication as to where the output file[[d]] will be placed;

providing at least one flavor object comprising data for modifying said project system for a specific purpose, wherein the at least one flavor object includes flavor-specific project configuration properties;

signaling by the base project object to the at least one flavor object that the base project configuration object needs to be extended;

creating a flavored software development project system for said specific purpose by object aggregation using said base project object as a participating object and one of said at least one flavor objects as a controlling object; and

creating, by the at least one flavor object, a flavored base software development project configuration object, wherein at least one configuration property for the base project object is modified by a corresponding flavor-specific project configuration property.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, where said at least one flavor object comprises at least a first flavor object and a second flavor object, and where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises:

creating an intermediary object by aggregating said first flavor object as a controlling

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object and said base project object as a participating object; and

creating a flavored project system by using said second flavor object as a controlling object and said intermediary object as a participating object.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be modified by said flavor object.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing a value for at least one property stored in said at least one interface of said base project to be modified by a value for said at least one property stored in an interface of said flavor object.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15 where said step of creating a flavored project system comprises allowing at least one interface of said base project to be replaced by said flavor object.
 - 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein said flavored base project configuration object includes an extender interface, said creation of a project system further comprising:

providing an extender site object associated with said extender interface.